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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

SUBJECT : COMOR Paper Entitled "Recommendation on Coverage of Manchuria and North Korea by U-2

1. I understand your consternation after having read subject document as to what the requirements are for Manchuria and North Korea. Having had the benefit of sitting in COMOR while they drafted this paper, and being familiar with the problems they had in drafting the paper, I would like to simplify the text of the COMOR document, translating it to something more meaningful for the operator. The Intelligence Community is concerned with the origin of the MIG-19 and MIG-21's in Communist China. MIG-19 count to date includes estimates as high as 200, and the MIG-21 between 28 and 35. We are fairly convinced that the MIG-21's were delivered by the Soviets to the Chinese as part of the original agreement made prior to the Sino-Soviet split. However, photography of Shen Yang does not convince everyone in the Community that MIG-19's are being built there.

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The whole purpose of this, of course, is to determine whether the Soviets are surreptitiously providing military aid to Red China in a greater quantity than the Community presently calculates. If there were evidence that the Soviets were providing aircraft to China,

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[REDACTED] then the ultimate effect would be some serious consideration on this government's policy planning committees concerning future escalation of the war in North Vietnam to Red China.

2. I have gone over the COMOR paper with [REDACTED] of the COMOR Photo Working Group, and we have agreed that the following represents a brief description of the requirements outlined in the COMOR paper. These are shown in order of priority.

- a. Shen Yang
- b. Ta Lien Missile Facilities
- c. Harbin
- d. Targets of opportunity enroute to a through c above.
- e. Coverage *along Yalu and* of those North Korean targets along the west coast of North Korea.

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